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Section II: REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the changes as noted above in Section I be made to the present application.

In the above referenced Office Action, which was mailed on 2/11/2005, claims 14-40 were non-elected and withdrawn from consideration. Of the elected claims 1-13, claims 1-4 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. Although the original claims include a recitation of a "database" which is generally associated with computer systems, applicant has, with the present amendment, even further clarified the claims by including the phrase "within a computer system" to independent claim 1, and therefore, through dependence, to claims 2-13 as well. Thus, as herein amended, claims 1-4 and 8-11 are believed to be allowable under 35 USC 101.

Next, claims 1-2 and 8-12 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Izumi (JP 08055161), and claims 3-7 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Izumi. The above noted rejections are respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of the present application, and without waiving any of applicant's rights to argue the allowability of the originally presented claims in a subsequent appeal or other proceeding in the event that the Examiner does not concur that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, applicant has herein amended and clarified the claims to place them in condition for allowance over the cited references.

It is noted that the present application includes claims 1-13 with claim 1 being an independent claim, and claims 2-13 being

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13. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 12 wherein said electronically generated message is an email sent from a restaurant server system to a supplier server system.

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determined by product detecting means.

6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 5 wherein said product detecting means is a light sensing device.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 5 wherein said product detecting means is a weight sensing device.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:

maintaining a record of current inventory levels of said ingredients.

9. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 8 and further including determining an occurrence of a sale of one of said food products; and

adjusting an inventory level of one or more ingredients comprising said food product in response to said sale.

10. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 9 and further including providing notice of low inventory levels when said inventory levels fall below a predetermined reference level.

11. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 9 and further including automatically ordering amounts of said one or more ingredients when said inventory levels for said one or more ingredients falls below said reference levels.

12. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 11 wherein said ordering is accomplished by sending an electronically generated message to a supplier of said one or more ingredients.